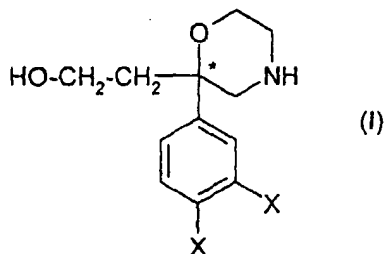


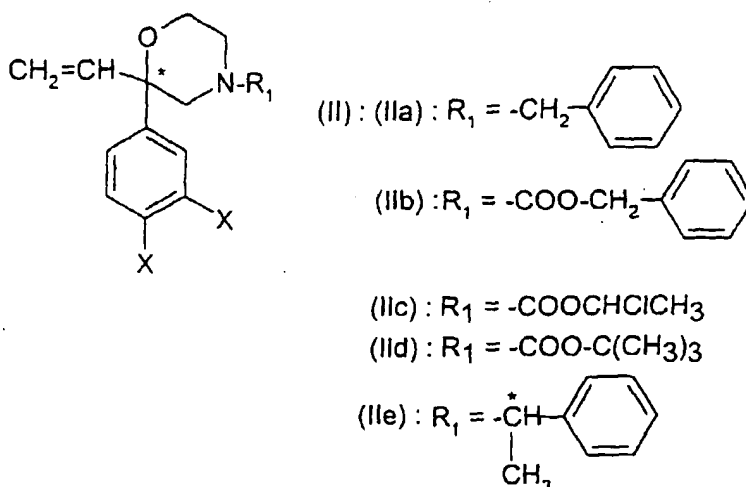
In the Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A process for the preparation of a compound, in the enantiomerically pure form, of formula:

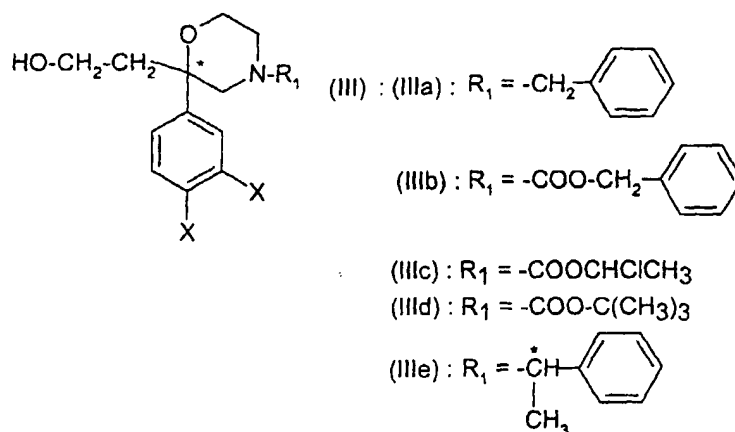


in which X represents a halogen atom, ~~of its salts with inorganic or organic acids or of its salts in the form of a salt,~~ with optically active organic acids wherein:

a) a compound, in the racemic form, in the form of a mixture of diastereoisomers or in the enantiomerically pure form, of formula:



in which X is as defined for a compound of formula (I) and R_1 represents an N-protecting group chosen from a benzyl group, a benzyloxycarbonyl group, a 1-chloroethyloxycarbonyl group, a *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl group or an α -methylbenzyl group, is converted to a compound, in the racemic form, in the form of a mixture of diastereoisomers or in the enantiomerically pure form, of formula:

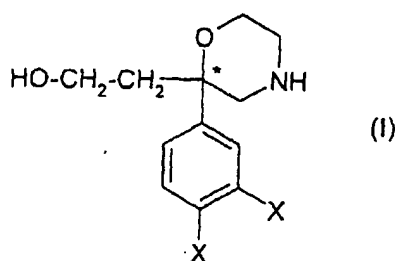


- b) the compound of formula (III) thus obtained is deprotected;
- c) if appropriate, when the compound of formula (I) thus obtained is in the racemic form, the enantiomers are separated, and, ~~optionally~~, the enantiomerically pure compound of formula (I) is converted to one of its salts with ~~inorganic~~ or optically active organic acids.

2. - 15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) The process as claimed in ~~one of claims claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13 and 14,~~ wherein compounds of formula (I), ~~(IIa), (IIb), (IIc), (IIId), (IIe), (IVa), (IVd), (IVe) or (V)~~ in which X represent a chlorine atom or a fluorine atom are prepared.

17. (original) An enantiomerically pure compound of formula:



in which X represents a halogen atom, in the form of an optically active salt with optically active organic acids.

18. (original) The compound as claimed in claim 17, in the form of the salt with L-(-)- or D-(+)-di-para-toluoyletartaric acid.

19. - 30 **(Cancelled)**

31. **(currently amended)** The compound as claimed in one of claims 17 or 18 ~~to 30~~ of formula (I), ~~(II), (IV), (V), (VI), (VII), (XIII), (XIV), (XIX) or (XX)~~ in which X represents a chlorine atom or a fluorine atom.

32. - 34. **(Cancelled)**